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Conference on Prospects for Oil and Future Development in Arab Countries concludes **Crown Prince suggests 'Arab commonwealth' to foster social and economic development**

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Wednesday called on Arab intellectuals to consider the idea of forming an "Arab commonwealth" to foster the process of Arab economic and social development.

"The tragedies and sufferings caused by the continuation of wars in the Middle East region are, to a great extent, due to the absence of an Arab commonwealth," Prince Hassan said.

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Authorities seek clues to solve mystery of vanished KAL jet

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Authorities were attempting on Wednesday to piece together the mystery surrounding an Asian couple who swallowed poison at the Bahrain airport and are suspected of involvement in the destruction of a South Korean jetliner.

Bahrain officials and Japanese and South Korean diplomats had not identified the woman, who remained unconscious and under guard in a military hospital, nor her male companion, who died from the effects of a poison ampule concealed in a cigarette filter.

In Seoul, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said it appeared the couple, who were travelling

on forged Japanese passports, were members of the Korean community in Japan and possibly connected with pro-North Korean groups.

A ministry spokesman said

South Korea would ask Bahraini authorities to extradite the woman for questioning once she is able to travel. A Japanese diplomat said earlier that she was in critical condition, but expected to survive.

The two were detained at the Bahrain airport early Tuesday as they were about to board a Royal Jordanian plane for Amman and Rome. They took the poison while waiting to be questioned by immigration officials.

U.N. chief and Iranians begin talks on ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Jawad Larijani began talks on Wednesday on prospects for a ceasefire in the seven-year-old Gulf war.

The minister declined substantive comment as he arrived at U.N. headquarters, except to tell reporters: "I am coming here with a lot of hopes."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar, who is trying to secure implementation of a July 20 Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire, has scheduled parallel talks early next week with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz.

An Iranian source quoted by Reuters said Mr. Larijani might hold further talks with the secret-

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France dismisses allies' criticism over Iran deal

PARIS (Agencies) — Interior Minister Charles Pasqua on Wednesday rejected questioning by France's allies of the way the government secured the release of two hostages held in Lebanon.

"The government will not be suspected of lacking either determination in the battle against terrorism or solidarity with its allies," said Mr. Pasqua, who led the French government negotiating team that worked to free the hostages.

Speaking to the National Assembly, Mr. Pasqua denied press reports which accuse the government of sending arms to Iran and paying ransom to kidnappers in exchange for the release last Friday of Jean-Louis Normandin, 36, and Roger Auque, 31.

France has been sharply attacked in the British press with the

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Iraqis hit Iranian oilfield

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said its planes set four oil installations ablaze on Wednesday at the Imam Hassan oilfield in southwestern Iran.

A military spokesman said the targets included production units and a pumping station. All planes returned safely to base, he said.

Iraq demands priority for a ceasefire and mutual troop withdrawal to internationally recognised boundaries, as spelled out in the resolution's first operative paragraph.

In view of the parties' sharply divergent views, U.N. diplomats held out little hope the secretary general's efforts will be crowned

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Iranian leaders issued a mobilisation call on Nov. 13, urging all able-bodied men to report for battle duty.

On Tuesday, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein inspected the defences around the Gulf port of Basra, the expected target of the next major Iranian assault.

Political sources said President Hussein's tour suggested the Iranian offensive was imminent. Defense Minister General Adnan Khirullah inspected Basra's defences a month ago.

The ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra reported on Sunday that Iran had completed preparations for its assault, but warned that Iraq's military and political positions were now stronger than ever.

He added that the government "never had any contact with the terrorists." On Tuesday, France denied published reports that it paid ransom and broke the EEC agreement.

"The assembly will understand that the government cannot furnish more information because it could compromise the freedom of other hostages," he said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman

Mitterrand receives King's message on summit, reaffirms support for Mideast peace efforts

PARIS (Agencies) — French President Francois Mitterrand on Wednesday received a message from His Majesty King Hussein dealing with the outcome of the extraordinary Arab summit meeting held in Amman last month.

The message was delivered to Mr. Mitterrand by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, who is currently on tour of a number of capitals delivering messages from

the King.

At the meeting in Paris, Mr. Mitterrand paid tribute to the King for his endeavours that led to the success of the Arab summit which yielded fruitful results and unified the Arab World's stand,

"the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. "The summit is bound to create a new atmosphere on the Arab and regional fronts in matters connected with

issues within the Arab World," President Mitterrand said.

The summit results will also have positive effect on inter-Arab issues, he added.

Mr. Mitterrand also reiterated France's commitment to its firm position in support of convening an international conference to solve the Middle East question.

He also called for the implementation of U.N. Security

Council Resolution 598 to end the Iran-Iraq war.

The president said he looked forward to meeting King Hussein for an exchange of views on various issues.

Before meeting the French president, Mr. Qasem met with French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to brief him on the outcome of the Amman summit.

Israelis shoot and wound three Arabs resisting demolition of homes

SHAMIR aide unveils major settlement drive

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians Wednesday while an army general

ordered an Arab university

student deported for allegedly inciting violence, a military

spokesman said.

The clash occurred Wednesday

in two villages near the occupied West Bank City of Nablus where Palestinians protested the razing of Arab homes.

The soldiers fired rubber bullets at a group of the villagers who threw stones at troops as they guarded the bulldozers, according to the Israeli military.

Three Palestinians, including a 32-year-old woman and two men, suffered slight head wounds and received stitches at nearby Rafidah hospital.

The incidents followed a series of protests this week in the occupied territories marking the 40th anniversary of the United Nations resolution that partitioned Palestine.

Amram Mitzna, the head of Israel's central command, ordered the deportation Wednesday of Jamal Shaki Yunas Hindi, 29, a student at Al Najah University of Nablus.

An army communiqué read to AP by telephone accused Mr. Hindi of "inciting campus violence" since 1980 and of being a leading member of Fatah.

In other developments, the Israeli army closed a high school in Ramallah for four days on Wednesday after students threw stones at Israeli cars, damaging two vehicles. Israeli sources quoted by Reuter said.

In another incident, police interrupted a lecture by Palestinian-American activist Mubarak

Awad to an Israeli audience because of a bomb scare. Dr. Awad said on Wednesday.

The lecture, on Tuesday night, resumed after a brief security check but was disrupted several times by hecklers.

Dr. Awad, 44, heads the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Non-Violence in Jerusalem.

Israel ordered him expelled by Nov. 20 for calling on Palestinians to resist Israeli occupation by non-violent means, but it did not take action when he stayed.

A small group of supporters of anti-Arab legislator Rabbi Meir Kahane was among those attending the lecture on "A Palestinian Perspective on Religion and Politics," Dr. Awad said.

"Every few minutes someone stood up, shouting abuse, and

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Israel under sharp attack at annual U.N. debate on the Middle East

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— The General Assembly has begun its annual debate on the Middle East with most speakers criticising Israel for its refusal to accept peace and the secretary-general blaming Israel for blocking a peace conference.

More than 30 speakers addressed the 159-member world body on the opening of a two-day debate on Tuesday. Past debates have culminated with resolutions condemning Israel's occupation of Arab territories and supporting the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

A Middle East peace conference figured prominently in the debate, and Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar said in a report presented Tuesday that Israel's position was the major obstacle in his efforts to call a conference.

The committee has helped to

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Cairo: Shooting incident at Sinai fence is closed

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian officials said on Wednesday that a border shooting incident in Sinai, the first since Israel returned the area to Egypt in 1982 under their peace treaty, was a closed issue.

A Foreign Ministry source said Israel had made no official complaint about the Monday attack in which unidentified men threw a grenade at an Israeli patrol and an Israeli soldier was wounded in a brief exchange of fire.

"Both sides deal with the issue wisely... and Egypt considers the issue closed," the source said.

But Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday Israel holds Egypt responsible for the assault.

The attack prompted questions from right-wing legislators, one of whom was evicted from the parliament floor after sharply criticising Mr. Peres.

"When grenades are thrown in Rafah, Egypt is responsible and we will demand that it be responsible," Mr. Peres said in comments broadcast on Israel Radio.

But despite the harsh statement at a heated parliament session, Mr. Peres indicated he was satisfied with Egypt's response to Israeli queries.

"Egypt is treating this event very seriously as has been demanded

ded. It is also investigating what happened and what lessons should be drawn," Mr. Peres said. "The question is whether Egyptians carried out this attack. I think the answer is no."

The army said the attack occurred shortly after midnight, when an army patrol was examining a hole in a frontier fence about 130 kilometres southwest of Jerusalem. Israeli troops opened fire, but the attackers fled.

Soldiers later discovered footprints of two men who had apparently been trying to enter the Gaza Strip and fled into Egypt after the shooting.

Asked on Tuesday if the attackers had themselves cut the fence and then waited in ambush for the patrol, an army spokeswoman said: "That is one of the hypotheses."

The attack came less than a week after a Palestinian commando flew motorised hang-glider from Lebanon to an army camp in northern Israel and killed six Israeli soldiers before being shot dead.

Israel raised the issue during scheduled talks with an Egyptian delegation near Tel Aviv on Tuesday and chief Egyptian liaison officer General Farouk Labib promised to investigate, an Israeli officer told Reuters.

MOSCOW (Agencies) — A senior Soviet arms control official

accused the United States on Wednesday of withholding data needed to conclude the medium-range missile treaty due to be signed in Washington next week.

Viktor Karpov, head of the Foreign Ministry's arms control and disarmament directorate, was responding to charges by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on Tuesday that Moscow had not provided all necessary data for the arms elimination pact.

"It must be said that the U.S. secretary of state has apparently been misled as regards the data," Mr. Karpov said in an interview with the official TASS news agency.

"The Soviet delegation has made available all necessary data for inclusion in a memorandum of understanding in connection with the medium- and shorter-range missiles treaty."

He said the information was exchanged on a reciprocal basis in simultaneous deliveries in Geneva.

"However there is a nuance in this matter: on some questions the United States has so far not provided us with the required information and we accordingly

are not yet giving out such information," Mr. Karpov said.

He said almost all data had already been exchanged on the quantities of arms to be eliminated under the intermediate nuclear forces (INF) pact, which will ban all U.S. and Soviet missiles with a range of 500 kilometres to 5,000 kilometres.

"Data on the remaining small categories of arms, connected in the main with the production of these systems, will be exchanged when the United States supplies the Soviet side with the necessary information," he said.

One case in which Moscow had to "extract the required data from the U.S. side" involved information about a plant in Magna, Utah, which is to be subject to Soviet inspection under the arms pact," Mr. Karpov said.

The arms treaty, the first to eliminate an entire class of weapons, is to be signed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan next Tuesday at the start of their three-day summit in Washington.

Mr. Karpov said he hoped the exchange of data would be completed on both sides as soon as possible to allow documents needed for the treaty's signing to be ready on time.



Queen Noor attends Mafraq graduation

JORDAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on Wednesday attended a ceremony here for the graduation of a new class of female recruits for the People's Army in the Mafraq region.

The trainees have completed a course in the use of light arms and first aid, offered by the armed forces and arranged in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

The Queen reviewed the graduates at the ceremony, held at the government school of Mafraq.

Crown Prince opens housing estate, mosque

JORDAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday dedicated His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to attend a ceremony officially inaugurating a housing estate and a mosque in the Al Rawda district of Amman.

The mosque and the housing estate were financed by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in Jordan.

Prince Hassan first attended the opening of the mosque, then the opening of the district's

Hindawi says school inspection tours reveal progress in reform

JORDAN (Petra) — Minister of Education Thoukan Hindawi on Wednesday said that continuing inspection tours were a main element of the ministry's plan to establish direct contacts with education officials in communities throughout the Kingdom, upon the directives of His Majesty King Hussein.

In a speech following an inspection tour of the south, Mr. Hindawi said that the school tours conducted by ministry officials allow for direct examination of the educational process in accordance with recommendations recently taken by the Education Ministry, following

Seminar aims to promote regional poultry production

JORDAN (J.T.) — Participants in a seminar currently being held at the Regional Poultry Training and Development Centre for the Near East (RPTDC) continued their meetings here on Wednesday by reviewing working papers promoting the production and marketing of poultry.

Altogether, 12 countries from a Near East region are taking part in the three-day seminar, which is also being attended by a number of regional and international organisations.

Minister of Agriculture Marwan Almoud inaugurated the meeting's opening session on Tuesday and referred to the setting as a bid to promote poultry production and marketing in the Near East region. Poultry production, which is being given due attention in the

Canadian, Jordanian university leads holds talks on cooperation

JORDAN (J.T.) — The president of Canada's Ottawa University, Dr. Di'orio, on Wednesday met with its president, Mohammad Hamdan, and discussed cooperation between the two universities in cultural affairs.

Dr. Hamdan briefed the visitor Yarmouk University's development and its academic programs.

Dr. Di'orio arrived in Amman Monday for a several-day visit to Jordan, upon the invitation of Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).

As far as his visit, Dr. Di'orio met with JUST President Dr. Nabil Ajlouni for talks on cultural exchange between the two universities, especially in the fields of engineering, medicine in science.

Dr. Di'orio has also met with Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani and discussed with him scopes for cooperation between Ottawa University and the RSS.

Jordan, Sweden to expand cooperation in environmental and energy fields

By P.V. Vivekanand
Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Jordan and Sweden share almost identical views on energy and environmental issues and have paved the way for increased cooperation in energy resources management and environment control, a Swedish minister said Wednesday.

Birgitta Dahl, Sweden's minister of energy and the environment, attributed the similarity in the two countries' views on these issues to the fact that both Jordan and Sweden are net importers of energy and said her talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and two Jordanian ministers showed there was a wide scope for bilateral cooperation.

Speaking at a press conference, Mrs. Dahl said there was an urgent need, worldwide, for strict controls on energy use and measures to monitor and curb environmental pollution.

Mrs. Dahl noted that Sweden, in cooperation with its Scandinavian neighbours — Norway, Denmark and Finland, was implementing a programme on energy resources management and environmental control, and that this experience could help the country in cooperating with Jordan. "Sweden is of course, interested in cooperating with Jordan in this regard" and in contributing its experience to the Kingdom, she said.

Mrs. Dahl told the press conference that the absence of environmental controls and proper

official visit which includes attending a seminar on prospects for oil and future development in Arab countries, said she had also met with Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Khatib and Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber.

Mrs. Dahl said her talks with Dr. Khatib also covered possible Swedish cooperation with Jordan in the field of power generation and transmission, where her country has considerable experience.

The Swedish minister's talks with Mr. Jaber covered Jordan's experience in protecting the environment from pollution. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted Mr. Jaber as saying that Jordan was working out a national strategy for safeguarding the environment, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Mr. Jaber outlined to Mrs. Dahl the steps that Jordan has already taken in this respect, and said the Kingdom was drafting legislation on environmental control and was also planning to establish a data bank for providing information on regional environmental issues. In addition, Mr. Jaber said, Jordan was also seeking to spread awareness of the importance of maintaining environmental controls among school-age children.

Mrs. Dahl told the press conference that the absence of environmental controls and proper

Agricultural shortages persist despite government support — Abu Hassan

JORDAN (J.T.) — Despite government efforts to increase food production in Jordan, the agricultural sector is still incapable of meeting the country's growing food needs, according to Ghazi Abu Hassan, director-general of the Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company (JAMPCO).

In a lecture delivered at the University of Jordan, Mr. Abu Hassan said that the government has been encouraging the work of farmers and assisting the agricultural sector through the successive five-year national development plans.

The minister pointed out that his tour clearly showed that intensive efforts were being exerted towards developing the educational system according to the recommendations of the national conference on education held in September under the patronage of King Hussein.

In a speech following an inspection tour of the south, Mr. Hindawi said that the school tours conducted by ministry officials allow for direct examination of the educational process in accordance with recommendations recently taken by the Education Ministry, following

the directives of His Majesty King Hussein.

He said that the improvement of poultry production was emphasised at a seminar held at the University of Jordan in 1982 and at a seminar on the production of animal feed held in Baghdad in 1985.

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Shady dealing

THE release of two French hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Beirut a few days ago is certainly welcome news. So is the end of the so-called "embassies war" between France and Iran, after the exchange of the French consul in Tehran for a non-diplomatic Iranian official at the Iranian embassy in Paris. Yet there is more to the French-Iranian deal than meets the eye. Most likely, the release of the hostages and the exchange of officials is part of a broader political, diplomatic and financial agreement between the two countries, the extent of which has yet to be ascertained. If there is such an agreement, and it is anything modelled after the Iran-Iraq affair, then terrorism and hostage-taking as an instrument of policy becomes a resounding success for Iran. Worse still, any such deal between Paris and Tehran would mean that a country as great as France can succumb easily to blackmail and extortion.

These developments cannot occur at a more awkward time — a time when the international community is attempting to apply more pressure on the mullahs of Iran, in order to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 598. Therefore, it is imperative to set off the alarm at this juncture, and to view with deep concern what seems to be a further breakdown of solidarity among the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. This is particularly so in light of the fact that, as part of the deal, France is to pay Iran some \$330 million. It must have dawned on France that, in the final analysis, any payment of money to Iran at this time would constitute the replenishment of the coffers of Iran's war machine. This renewed supply of funds would then be translated into more Iranian offensives against Iraq and the death of countless many more Iraqis and Iranians and untold destruction and devastation.

The world has not yet forgotten the covert deals between Washington and Tehran which culminated in the Iran-Iraq scandal. We have yet to forget the consequences of past duplicities which made it possible for Iran to withstand international pressure and maintain its intransigence. Surely, France does not want Iranian rejection of the counsel of reason and common sense to continue. A better policy for France to pursue with Iran, therefore, would be to make all the Iranian dreams about a breakthrough in its relations with Paris dependent on the full and orderly acceptance of Resolution 598. Anything short of this objective would undermine France's policies towards our region and would, naturally, damage its credibility worldwide.

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Al Ra'i: Hoping for a European role

JORDAN and the Arab countries have not lost their confidence in an independent European role in helping to resolve the problems of the Middle East. For this reason, the Arabs have maintained their dialogue with the European governments and European political parties and leaders. Clearly the Arabs hope that the Europeans will finally have an influential role on the peace process that could put an end to the conflicts of this troubled region. The EC Commissioner Claude Cheysson's current visit to Jordan and his talks with King Hussein and Jordanian officials fall within the framework of this dialogue. The Europeans as well as the Jordanians realise that Israel is an occupying power of Arab lands, and should therefore not be given any legitimate status by allowing it to handle the exportation of products from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which it had been occupying since 1967. Israel has been demanding that any products from the occupied Arab territory should pass through its own ports and under its supervision on their way to the European common market. But Israel should be made to realise that its occupation of the Arab territory does not mean an end to Jordan's responsibility for that area of land. Israel's insistence on handling the West Bank and the Gaza Strip's products clearly points to its ambitions and its plans to annex and Judaize the Arab territory illegally and by force. Claude Cheysson made statements to reporters Tuesday in which he showed that the European Community realises too well Israel's far-reaching objectives, and that the occupying force seeks to destroy the Arab territory's economy and impose its will and domination over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Al Dustour: U.N. pursues peace effort

THE U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar is today embarking on a new round of contacts with Iran and Iraq with the purpose of implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to bring an end to the conflict in the Gulf. De Cuellar's new diplomatic offensive coincides with reports from the Gulf that Iran was massing troops and weapons for yet another adventure into Iraqi territory and a new bid to escalate the conflict in that troubled region of the world. After so much procrastination, foot-dragging and installing Iran has finally sent its deputy foreign minister to New York to conduct talks with de Cuellar in a process which is bound to be long and tedious, and aimed at diverting world public attention from Iran's intransigent position with regard to the Security Council resolution, and in a bid to escape sanctions which that resolution provides for. Iran hopes through prolonged contacts and negotiations, which aim at achieving nothing, to divert the world public opinion from its war preparations and its hostile actions against Iraq and the other Arab countries in the Gulf. Nevertheless, we regard de Cuellar's contacts with Iran and Iraq as a new bid for peace that should be appreciated. De Cuellar is no doubt trying to secure an Iranian acceptance of Resolution 598 so that he can embark on arrangements for ending the war. Should de Cuellar fail in this last attempt to end the conflict, the Security Council must shoulder its responsibility and deal with Iran's defiance and disregard to the will of the international community. Perhaps this is the last chance for the United Nations to secure Iran's acceptance of its resolution before sanctions could be imposed. If Tehran remains adamant and continues to reject the call for peace.

Sudanese-Ethiopian ties slump to new low

By Hanan Hendawi
Reuter

KHARTOUM — Sudan and Ethiopia have become embroiled in their worst diplomatic row for several years, sparked by claims that Addis Ababa helped Sudanese rebels to a major success.

But Arab and Western diplomats saw the storm as just another downward twist in a rollercoaster relationship between the two northeast African nations.

Sudan accused Ethiopia of direct involvement in the capture of a strategic border town by rebels of the Sudan People's Li-

beration Army (SPLA).

It said Kurmuk, 600 kilometres south east of Khartoum, was heavily shelled from inside Ethiopia for several days before the army garrison pulled out on November 12.

Marxist-ruled Ethiopia denied the charge. Sudan said it would try to get the headquarters of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) transferred from Addis Ababa.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi also cancelled a planned trip to an OAU economic summit in Addis Ababa this week.

But the diplomats, citing a similar row earlier this year, said the latest upset in relations was

likely to be smoothed over.

Sudan said in June Ethiopia helicopter gunships attacked the border town of Jekaw in the upper Nile region and Ethiopian artillery shelled the town before SPLA rebels seized it.

"They still managed to smile at each other later and even exchange visits and messages," one diplomat said.

He was referring to a visit to Khartoum last month by Emmanuel Amde Mikhail, a senior Ethiopian minister, and a trip to Addis Ababa in September by Ali Hassan Tajeddin, a member of the supreme council.

Tajeddin, in charge of African affairs in the five-man council

which acts as a joint presidency, even said on November 10 that he was optimistic about future relations.

The diplomats, however, said they expected relations to remain tense, as they have been on and off for several years, after the current furor died down.

While Sudan accuses Ethiopia of supporting rebels in the south, Addis Ababa says Khartoum helps separatists fighting troops in the provinces of Eritrea and Tigray. Sudan denies this.

The diplomats said major Ethiopian rebel groups had offices in Khartoum. Sudan has also in some cases allowed relief

convoy to enter rebel-held Ethiopian areas from its territory, they said.

"Obviously Sudanese authorities know we are here and they keep an eye on us from a distance. Still, officially we do not exist here," a senior Ethiopian rebel representative said in a recent interview.

Mahdi has warned that Sudan could retaliate in kind for the alleged Ethiopian involvement in the fall of Kurmuk.

The diplomats said Khartoum's fury might have partly been due to the town's location in Blue Nile province.

Mahdi, who came to office in

May last year, has claimed credit for foiling several SPLA attempts to infiltrate northern Sudan, of which Blue Nile is a part.

"The fall of Kurmuk has somewhat damaged this credit and it is natural to be so angry with Ethiopia for having helped the rebels do it," one diplomat said.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 in the vast, mainly animist and Christian south of Sudan to overthrow the government in the predominantly Muslim and Arab north.

The fall of Kurmuk was the rebel's first significant victory outside the south but diplomats doubted if they would be able to hold the town for long.

Crown Prince suggests 'Arab commonwealth'

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of Arab coordination the role of the Middle East and North Africa region in international development had been neglected.

The Prince implied that one of the most important objectives of former colonial powers was to keep the Arab World divided and consequently prevent the Arabs from controlling their most valuable natural resource — oil.

In this context, Prince Hassan said that the divisions and splits which plague the Arab World had weakened the Arabs' ability to optimise and fully control the use of the available natural resources, particularly oil, to foster the development process and enhance the region's international standing.

"Historically speaking, our slogan was that 'the Arab oil is for the Arabs,'" he said. "But now this slogan seems void of substance (due to the prevailing differences)," he said.

However, the Prince said that the extraordinary summit held in Amman last month had provided hope for movement towards the direction of joint Arab action and coordination.

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vironment-related energy problems.

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Dr. Yousef Al Sayegh from Lebanon noted at one stage earlier that development was not necessarily linked with oil "because the Arab World would have had to face the challenges of social development even in the absence of oil."

Some participants raised questions on means to maintain and even increase the Arabs' share in the international market. Others questioned the possibility of exploring other sources of energy instead of increasing Arab dependence on oil.

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The sources said five of the Palestinians were residents of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus. The five were charged with throwing stones at Israeli soldiers and cars, erecting roadblocks and disturbing traffic.

Authorities also ordered a Gaza Strip resident jailed for participating in protests and distributing anti-Israeli leaflets, an army spokesman said. The spokesman, identified the man as Nazif Khalil Luka, 32, of the town of Rafah.

The five other detainees were identified as Yousef Omar Muzhir, 21, Mustafa Muhammad Salah Nassarala, 24, Moutaz Rashid Salah Nassarala, 17, Malik Rashid Salah Nassarala, 19, and Hassan Muhammad Omar Abu Hashya, 19.

Meanwhile, a senior adviser to

Israelis shoot and wound three Arabs

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security guards carried him out," he said. "The police were very fair and did a good job."

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"Our goal for the West Bank is that the percentage of Jews to Arabs should be 40:60 by the end of the century," said Mattiyahu Drobles, head of the settlement division of the World Zionist Organisation (WZO).

Some 70,000 Jews have settled in the area since Israel occupied in 1967.

But Drobles, also a top member of Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, said his plan could not be carried out as long as Israel was ruled by its current left-right coalition government.

He was speaking at a news conference in a Jewish settlement outside Nablus.

Under the coalition agreement resulting from inconclusive elections in 1984, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party has effectively blocked most new settlement activity.

"The situation today is abnormal," said Drobles who, in his position at the semi-governmental WZO, was a main architect of

the creation of dozens of new settlements after rightist Prime Minister Menachem Begin took power in 1977.

Referring to elections scheduled for Nov. 1988, Drobles said: "I believe there will soon be a new government that will be able to take clear policies in the future and that will adopt this project."

Aides said that since Drobles was Shamir's main adviser on settlement, the plan was presumably that Likud would try to carry out it if won elections decisively enough to rule without Labour.

Drobles said the settlement drive was based on expectations that 1.5 million Jewish immigrants would arrive in Israel in the next 12 years, mostly from the Soviet Union which has about two million Jews.

Most Jews leaving the Soviet Union currently opt to settle in the United States when they reach Austria, their first point of arrival in the West.

Shamir is campaigning for direct flights to Israel for departing Soviet Jews which would deny them automatic entry rights to the United States.

Authorities seek clue to KAL mystery

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Japanese passports are seen to be involved with North Korean groups possibly behind the scenes."

In Tokyo, a pro-North Korean organisation in Japan accused the South Korean government on Wednesday of being behind the loss of jet.

The vice-chairman of the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, Pak Zae-Ro, told a news conference his organisation had nothing to do with either the plane's disappearance or the two people detained in Bahrain.

Mr. Pak said the South Korean government and its candidate in the last meeting held in Amman last May, the committee passed a number of resolutions including one for the establishment of a holding company with a \$50 million capital to take charge of the creation of specialised companies for fisheries, production of fodder and lean meat and the production of agricultural seeds and one for encouraging tourism to both countries.

Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf, under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade who is currently in Cairo preparing for Thursday's meeting, said in a statement to Petra on Tuesday that Jordan and Egypt plan to set up a tourist company with a \$30 million capital to attract more tourists to the two countries.

Mr. Saqqaf met in Cairo with Dr. Yusri Mustafa, minister of economy and foreign trade, and said later they discussed a Jordanian-Egyptian protocol that would be signed by the two prime ministers in Cairo.

It is crystal clear that the Roh Tae-Woo group are the ones who planned this incident. They are the ones who can benefit most from causing this kind of shock incident," he said.

"Roh Tae-Woo is in a difficult position in the presidential election. It has been whispered among people that (he) would cause some kind of incident to surprise the masses to gain a better position," Mr. Pak added.

In Seoul, a spokesman for Mr.

Roh's Democratic Justice Party said: "It is not worth commenting on this preposterous statement from Tokyo."

South Korean officials said they suspected North Korean involvement in the loss of the plane.

The mass-circulation Yomiuri Shimbun and Kyodo news service said Tokyo police believed the dead man, using a passport carrying the name Shinichi Hachiya, was connected with a North Korea spy network uncovered here in 1985.

Asked who could have such a motive, he said unnamed countries "might be interested in destabilising my country in order to generate impressions that South Korea is not capable of holding the Olympics."

Seoul has repeatedly accused the Communist north of seeking to dissuade nations from taking part in the games by creating fears for athletes' security.

Mr. Park was speaking hours after President Chun told a special cabinet meeting that North Korea was bent on disrupting this month's presidential election in the South and also the 1988

games. Clayton

Searchers in thick jungle near the Thai-Burma have so far failed to find the aircraft.

In 1983, a North Korean agent committed suicide after being arrested in Burma following the Rangoon bombing which killed

Mr. Chun, who expressed shock and sorrow at the loss of the KAL plane, also was careful not to accuse Pyongyang of organising the attack.

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Pakistani woman sentenced to death by stoning prays for reprieve

By Schererezade Faramarzi
The Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Shabida Parveen dabbed her tears with the corner of her shawl as she told of her conviction for adultery and rape, and her sentence under Pakistan's Islamic law: Death by stoning.

Shabida, 25, from the central city of Faisalabad, wore a prison uniform, a wedding ring and nose pin, a traditional ornament in the subcontinent.

"I couldn't believe it when I heard the sentence," she said through an interpreter. "It's all a false case. I just pray to God for my innocence and leave everything to him."

She insists she is legally married to her cousin, Mohammad Sarwar. But the court rejected her claim and concluded that she is still married to Khushi Mohammad, who has brought the case of adultery against her.

Shabida maintains that Khushi divorced her in April 1986 because she could not have children and because he wanted to marry another woman.

The court held, however, that the divorce papers produced by Shabida and Sarwar were forged, and that their marriage was illegal.

"I hold that they have committed *zina-bil-jaber* (rape)," ruled Judge Nasiruddin Abro. "I therefore convict them of the offence of *zina* (adultery) ordinance 1979 and I order that they shall be stoned to death at the public place."

The verdict was handed down Nov. 7.

Shabida blames her stepmother, Khorshid, a cousin of Khushi, for her arrest. She says Khorshid, who is only 35, wanted her to marry another cousin, who is deaf and dumb, after her divorce from Khushi.

"I refused and finally married a man of my own choice," she said.

She said Sarwar, 27, loves her. He looked after me. Provided me with food and respected me. I am happy."

Shabida told of leaving Karachi to stay with her aunt in Lahore to the north, and of the difficulty of being a divorced woman in a traditional society like Pakistan.

"I had problems with people talking behind my back or making passing remarks," Shabida said of the social pressures on her.

So her aunt's son, Sarwar, consented to marry her 90 days after her divorce, according to a rule in Islam.

That happiness lasted only two weeks when policemen came to arrest her and Sarwar at their home and took them to a police station in Karachi. Twelve days later, she was transferred to jail. Shabida, a carpenter's daughter,

Bourguiba's home town adapts to life without its patron

By Jonathan Clayton
Reuters

MONASTIR, Tunisia — Habib Bourguiba is no longer president of Tunisia but he is still the man who matters most in Monastir. While the rest of Tunisia busies itself dismantling the personality of "the supreme combatant" who ruled this country for 31 years, his home town defiantly claims its allegiance.

Visitors flying into Habib Bourguiba international airport have a living monument to the ousted president. Portraits of young "father of the nation" Bourguiba, who declared senile and replaced earlier this month, from nearly every lamp post and hotel.

References to the man who over, Bourguiba's own Prime Minister Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, are strangely silent.

In most other towns, pictures of Ben Ali sprang up after the changeover while papers and television reports busily full of Bourguiba's excess suddenly contained no mention of him.

Since then, other symbols of Bourguiba's rule have been quietly removed and plans to build a 3-million monument to the ousted leader were shelved in name of austerity.

Bourguiba's birthplace has been quieted to remember, and much to his thankfulness. Grants lavished on this ancient east coast fishing town during Bourguiba's rule transformed it into an affluent

ter, was only 13 when she married Khushi, then 40. Her mother died when she was 2.

"In our society women are oppressed. They are blamed for everything which goes wrong," she complained. "No one accepts what a woman says in her own defense."

Since the verdict, she said, "I only pray. This injustice simply shattered my brain. I pray to God to come to my rescue. I have no dreams, nothing, only memories and flashbacks."

Prosecutor Sbamseddin Koreishi believes that an Islamic law must rule and the sentence must be carried out.

"Of course she deserves to be stoned to death," Koreishi said in an interview. "According to Shari'a and zina ordinance, both of them should be punished because they failed to prove the divorce. The burden of divorce lies on her not on me."

Asked if the sentence is too severe, he replied, "according to Islamic law, it is not harsh."

Whether the sentence will be carried out depends on a federal religious court or Shari'a.

The martial law government of President Zia Ul Haq introduced major elements of Islam into the existing laws in 1979.

But since then, there has been no execution by stoning. Two women were sentenced but were later commuted to flogging or jail.

Koreishi, 56, practised law when Pakistan followed the British legal system and he said that system "had many flaws."

"There were less punishments. It was not severe enough...Now...the court agrees that woman is the weak sex."

Several women groups are fighting the new laws pertaining to women, but a few female lawyers go along with the Islamic punishment. One is Qamarunnisa Qamar.

"Women and men should be stoned to death so that we would be safe from the evils of a free society. Islam gives the right to men and women to marry according to Shari'a. I'm against free society and courtships," she said.

Shabida Jamil, a lawyer in Karachi, argues that as many as 80 per cent of Pakistan's people approve of such laws. Ironically, she says, many are uneducated rural women who believe such punishments protect their status.

Najma Babar, a journalist and a member of the Women's Action Forum, says the zina ordinance portrays a "barbaric, totalitarian society. We want a constitutional law in accordance with the U.N. charter of human rights."

Abdullah Memon, home secretary of Sind province, believes that Shabida is the "victim of circumstances," but adds: "If we claim to be Muslims, this is the law of God."

"(It) serves up well-known...misinterpretations of the Christian truth, taken from the gnostic-spiritualist movement and sold for modern tastes under the label 'new age,'" he added in a statement demanding that performances of the opera be stopped.

But the opera's director, Peter Pachl, sees it as offering a mystical message long suppressed by the Christian church but bound to re-emerge in the new millennium.

"We live at the end of the age of Pisces, which has lasted 2,000 years and with which church Christianity (whose symbol is also the fish) coincides," he wrote in the programme.

"In the year 2000, the age of Aquarius begins, a spiritualist age in which all the pieces of wisdom, which have long been suppressed and fought against, will re-emerge."

In the opera Christ, the prince of light, is seen as destined to unite with the principle of darkness, embodied in the figure of the death-woman, and so create a new harmony by abolishing the previous struggle of light and dark.

Pachl told Reuters that the message of the opera was the triumph of love over death and creation of a new era through the union of absolute opposites.

"(The opera's spiritual message) can be called irrational if you like, but it also reflects the times... and everything that is arising as the age of objectivity and rationalism comes to an end," he said.

The Marriage of Jesus, which was written by Austrian composer Gottfried von Einem with the libretto by his wife Lotte Ingels, caused a scandal at its first performances in Vienna and Hanover in 1980 and has not been produced since.

Despite an eagerness to play down the Bourguiba myth, the new government has said nothing which could indicate his body will not finally be laid to rest within the costly monument to his memory.

But Norbert Kleine Borgmann,

German-Jordanian Friendship Society promotes mutual cultural understanding

By Sama Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A delegation from the German-Jordanian Friendship Society and the Ludwig Frank-Stiftung for a Free Europe Society from West Germany end their week-long visit to Jordan on Friday after spending time in Amman, Aqaba and Petra, and meeting with officials.

President of the German-Jordanian Friendship Society Kurt Uihlein explained the aims of the society. He told the Jordan Times that the main aim of the society, which was founded by him in 1963, is to bring the two countries closer together in every possible way. "We want to say that the Germans are friends of the Arab people and always have been, and not the Israelis," he said.

He explained that one of the principal aims of the society is to "remind our people that Arabs are our friends, and that they should not just to keep sending aid and help to Israel." He added that the Germans think very highly of Jordan and consider "Jordanians the Prussians of the Orient."

The society's activities have been numerous and various since its establishment according to Mr. Uihlein. Besides exhibitions and lectures, seminars have been held in Germany on contemporary Jordan. The day after the twin exhibition, entitled "The King's Highway — 9,000 years of Art and Culture in Jordan and Palestine," and "Splendour and Secret — Costumes and Jewellery from Jordan and Palestine" opened in Cologne, on Oct. 2, 1987, the society held a well-detailed seminar on Jordan and

Palestine.

Mr. Ara Voskian, an editor with the Jordan Times, who attended the opening of the two exhibitions, expressed his admiration at the seminar saying that it was not only excellently researched but presented in a very comprehensive scholarly manner.

The seminar covered the history of Jordan and Palestine from early times political and cultural stages of the area's history, archaeological excavations and findings and on modern-day Jordan in the twentieth century.

Mr. Voskian said that the presentations were "very well prepared. While the lecturers spoke, there were photo and map slides to make the presentations more interesting and comprehensive, and even as a Jordanian I learned things I didn't know about Jordan."

Besides the seminar, the society also provided some financing of the exhibitions and made and distributed 2,000 copies of brochures to visitors in order to promote the event.

According to Mr. Uihlein — who is also the honorary consul to Jordan in Hanover and president of the International Refugee Society in the city — there are 40 bi-national friendship societies in West Germany, but that the German-Jordanian Friendship Society became the tenth largest within five years of its establishment. It has 1,000 members, many of whom are government officials and World War II veterans. According to Mr. Uihlein the first book ever written about Petra in the West was written by a German.

A new high school exchange programme was initiated by the German-Jordanian Friendship



Kurt Uihlein

Society last year when 15 school boys and girls from both countries were exchanged; this year there are 17 children in the programme.

Mr. Uihlein decided to establish the society after he visited

Jordan in 1963 and found that "the people were the friendliest I had ever known." He decided he wanted to try to bring the two peoples closer together by introducing Jordan to the German people and by helping Jordan "in any way possible."

"For the first time in my life I saw refugees after the 1967 war. I was one of the first Germans to visit Jordan immediately after the war in order to see what we can do to help. We sent 5,000 blankets, tents, medicines and a clinic mobile for the Palestinian refugees," Mr. Uihlein recalled.

The World War II veteran said that the German-Jordanian Friendship Society was the first friendship society with an Arab country. He explained that the society assists Jordanian students who study in Germany, and encourage mutual imports and exports.

18-carat chocolates are speciality of French expert

By Simon Haydon
Reuters

LYON, France — Some might say sprinkling chocolates with 18-carat gold was a touch decadent.

But Frenchman Maurice Bernachon, maker of what some connoisseurs say are the finest chocolates in the world, says delectants put gold in peoples' mouths so why shouldn't he?

Bernachon, who runs a shop with his son Jean-Jacques in this southeastern French city, told Reuters he has been in the chocolate business for 55 years and "I still love chocolate and eat it a lot."

From a small, chocolate-brown painted store in central Lyon, Bernachon's post 60 types of chocolates around the world, mainly to the United States and Japan, although most are sold locally.

At 15 francs (\$2.5) for every mouthful of gold-flecked chocolate, Bernachon recognises that not everyone can afford to sample his wares.

"But generally, standards of living are increasing and I see our markets improving," said the 68-year-old Bernachon.

Up to 60 people work in a

store. Men with skin stained brown by constant contact with chocolate convert the raw beans into cocoa butter.

Bernachon imports beans only from prime growers in Latin America — African beans are used by mass producers.

With names such as Puerto Cabalo, Chuao, Caranero and Santa Fe, the beans are carefully mixed and gently dried to remove the slightest trace of moisture that could upset the balanced taste in the finished chocolate.

"We mix our beans like great whisky makers mix their malts," said Bernachon, easing his bulky figure around the small factory.

Beans are dried every day, and the air around the family shop and factory testifies to the process, the tangy perfume of the dark, slightly bitter chocolate acting as the best and cheapest kind of advertisement for the shop.

Once dried and lightly crushed into granules, the beans are mixed with sugar to produce the cocoa butter that will be hand-moulded into plain bars or mixed with almonds, hazelnuts, cinnamon, coffee and other ingredients.

The untreated beans are unbearably bitter and virtually in-

edible, but the cocoa butter, with its added sugar, removes some of the acidity. The dark brown cream is then mixed for up to 100 hours to remove the final traces of acid.

Most

expensive chocolates are sold with a note advising the date of manufacture and a warning that the sweets must be eaten within two weeks, or the cocoa butter will go off.

The noisy mixing room is a cauldron of heat, noise and the overpowering smell of raw cocoa beans, but through a covered courtyard the scene in the finishing area is in complete contrast.

In separate rooms lined with wood to keep the atmosphere dry women turn the chocolate butter into the dainty pralines, truffles, liqueur chocolates with such exotic names as Gianduia, Metis or Menthikoff.

At the table reserved for Bernachon's prized product, the palet d'or — the Golden Quoit which contains flecks of 18-carat gold leaf, two young women reverently dip the chocolates onto a tray covered in the golden specks.

"Last year, we spent the equivalent of three gold bars — about 36,000 francs (\$6,000) —

on buying this gold leaf from the only remaining artisan in France," said Bernachon.

A personal tasting reveals the gold is tasteless, and so fine that it is undetectable, even to the loosened fillings in one's mouth.

Bernachon has rejected numerous invitations to join forces with larger chocolate producers to exploit the fast-expanding luxury goods market around the world, saying the quality he has sought for 55 years would suffer.

He counts his luck at finding what many children would regard as the best job in the world.

He acknowledges sadly that his business has been helped by a drastic drop in cocoa bean prices over the last four years.

"This benefits us but it creates an imbalance in the Third World which is undesirable. The Africans are not earning a decent living from this product."

Bernachon was no stranger to poverty as a child when he had to leave school to earn money to supplement the family income.

"My mother took me along to the chocolate shop to earn me for my apprenticeship, and would have loved to treat herself to a few chocolates, but she could not afford them."

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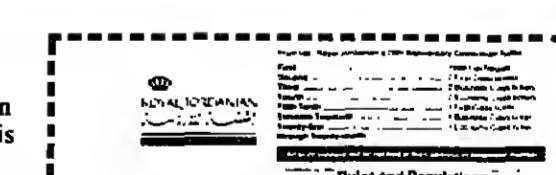
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Duel of nerves in 19th title chess game

SEVILLE, Spain (R) — The 19th game of the World Chess Championship began on Wednesday with titleholder Garry Kasparov using challenger Anatoly Karpov's defensive system against him.

Karpov, 24, chose to defend the turtakover variation of the queen's gambit declined, the same variation Karpov used to gain a solid draw in the 18th game.

Karpov, 36, varied from their previous game on move 11 and also extracted an advantage from

the opening phase of the game.

The tactic of both players using the same solid system first developed during their initial marathon encounter in Moscow 1984.

In that match, which ended without decision after 48 games and over five months of play, the

turtakover variation was a frequent choice by both Karpov and Kasparov.

Victor Korchnoi, who unsuccessfully challenged Karpov for the world title twice in 1979 and 1981, said he felt Kasparov's quick 11th move was inaccurate.

Cheer experts felt that Karpov had managed strong pressure out of the opening and predicted that Kasparov had a tough defensive task ahead.

Karpov arrived three minutes late for the start of play.

Karpov made his first move and retired to his rest area backstage, delaying their handshake until his re-emergence.

The score is currently tied at 9-9 with each player having three wins and 12 draws.

Victory in the series, scheduled for 24 games, will go to the first player to win six games or accumulate 12½ point.

In the event of a 12-12 deadlock, Karpov, as champion, retains the title.

Jockeys banned in whip incident

HUNTINGDON, England (R)

— Two jump jockeys were banned for four days on Tuesday after a whip incident in a bundle race at this east of England country track. Graham McCourt was found guilty by the stewards of careless riding on Royal Treaty, who interfered with the Simon McNeill-Ridden Run by Jove on the final bend in the first race. McNeill, who lashed out with his whip when he found himself hemmed in, was stood down for improper riding. McCourt said: "I was stunned at the result. For my money I hadn't done anything wrong. We were upsides each other and hardly touched. We were absolutely shocked that anything came out of the inquiry."

McNeill said: "The whole thing has been blown out of all proportion."

Royal Treaty finished second with Run by Jove third but the stewards reversed the placings.

Warriors sweep into NBA victory

Chicago with 19.

Hawks 120, Celtics 106

Kevin McHale scored 22 points in 22 minutes in his first game for Boston after foot surgery, but it wasn't enough to beat Atlanta.

Dominique Wilkins scored 22 points and Tree Rollins, who had scored a total of 19 points in his first eight games this season, added 20 for the Hawks.

Lakers 125, Kings 120

Los Angeles beat Sacramento in 25 consecutive time, but the Lakers needed a 3-point goal by Magic Johnson with eight seconds left in regulation to force the overtime. Otis Thorpe had 31 points for the Kings.

Trail Blazers 102, Suns 100

Portland won its sixth straight game, all at home, when Terry Porter sank an 18-foot jumper from the top of the key with 22 seconds left against Phoenix.

Clyde Drexler scored 35 points for the Trail Blazers who played without Kiki Vandeweghe for the sixth straight game because of a back injury and lost centre Steve

Johnson in the first half with a foot injury.

Pistons 124, Nets 115

Detroit banded New Jersey its sixth straight loss as Adrian Dantley scored four of his 31 points in overtime. The Pistons rallied from a 10-point deficit in the third period and tied the game at 110 on a jump shot by Vinny Johnson with 13 seconds to go in regulation.

Supersonics 112, Knicks 109

Seattle, playing without Xavier McDaniel because of a sprained ankle, got 37 points from Dale Ellis and 32 from Tom Chambers. With the Supersonics trailing 109-107, Ellis' three-point play with 1:02 left put Seattle in front to stay after New York had overcome a 102-88 deficit with a 19-3

spurt.

Rockets 106, Nuggets 101

Ralph Sampson had 20 points and 17 rebounds, and he scored the go-ahead basket with 36 seconds left for Houston. Denver was led by Alex English with 26 points.

Scots reluctant to invite Uruguayan soccer teams

LONDON (R) — Scotland's soccer authorities have put off a decision about inviting Uruguay, who have been their controversial opponents in the past, to compete in the Rous Cup with England at the end of the season.

The Scottish Football Association had objected to an English Football Association (F.A.) suggestion to ask the South American champions to become the third team in the triangular tournament.

After reviewing the position on Wednesday at the request of F.A.

Secretary Ted Croker; the SFA's international committee announced in Luxembourg, where Scotland are playing Belgium, that a decision had been "deferred until after the World Cup draw in Zurich" in 10 days.

SFA Secretary Ernie Walker and president David Will are likely to investigate the situation again with Croker once Scotland and England know their opponents in the forthcoming World Cup qualifying campaign.

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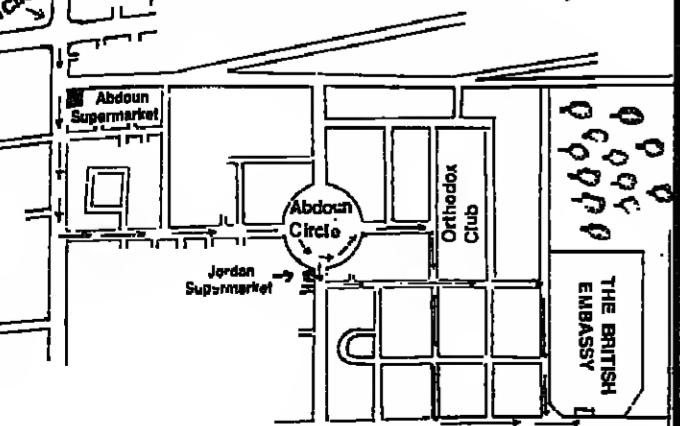
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PEKING (R) — A top Chinese weightlifter who claimed his

reputation was ruined by an

newspaper said. Guo's fellow-

athletes joked that his weightlift-

ing successes were due to the

effects of the tonic, it added.

A Peking court on Monday

ordered Peking Film Magazine to

pay the 28-year-old weightlifter

300 yuan (\$80).

Tyson said refused to shake hands with Holmes

title fight to Michael Spinks.

"People say I'm old and

washed up," Holmes said.

"Those same people said I

shouldn't begin boxing. They said

my legs were too small, that I

couldn't punch, that I was a

carbon copy of Muhammad Ali. I

didn't listen. I fooled them. I

accomplished more than anybody

thought I could. I won more than

Tonton Macoutes accused of working with Haitian military

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haitians and a team of international observers have accused secret police from the ousted Duvalier dictatorship of working with Gen. Henri Namphy's military council to use terror to block democracy.

"Tonton Macoute", former secret police whose deadly attacks on voters last Sunday forced cancellation of Haiti's first free elections in 30 years, were with soldiers who arrested dozens of young men in two slum neighbourhoods of the capital on Tuesday without giving reasons, witness.

At least 34 people were killed and scores more wounded in Sunday's violence Port-Au-Prince.

A Reuters correspondent heard the Macoutes warn Haitians: "The army is protecting us now. Macoutes don't have to hide any more."

In Miami, a 30-member international delegation that moni-

tored the failed election said Haitian security forces not only refused to protect voters but in some cases aided gunmen who killed dozens of people at polling stations.

The delegation issued a statement blaming Gen. Namphy's provisional government, the National Council of Government (CNG), for the collapse of the elections.

Some members of the 12-nation election observer team recommended that the Organisation of American States (OAS) consider sending a peacekeeping force to help Haiti hold peaceful elections.

Jamaican Prime Minister Ed-

ward Seaga told the annual conference on the Caribbean in Miami that an eight-nation group from the region had been created to mediate an end to Haiti's crisis.

He said the group, calling itself Concerned Caribbean Leaders, had received the consent of senior Haitian government officials and opposition leaders to "serve as a bridge" for negotiations on new elections.

The civilian Electoral Council which cancelled the elections because of the Macoute violence was dismissed by the ruling military council. Gen. Namphy pledged a new democratically elected government by next Feb. 7.

All nine Electoral Council members were still in hiding on Tuesday.

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Cuban inmates in Atlanta release 1 more hostage

ATLANTA (AP) — Cuban inmates freed one of their 90 hostages in a goodwill gesture, and a lawyer who helped win the man's release said Wednesday he was trying to clarify for the rebellious prisoners an emerging agreement to end the siege.

"They'll put in their own Duvalierist candidate and have a puppet president, puppet senators and puppet deputies," the United Front leader told reporters on Tuesday.

The streets of Port-Au-Prince

were deserted on Tuesday night for fear of roving bands of Macoutes.

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The 1,108 Cuban detainees still in the prison have been holding

hostages since rioting on Nov. 23 to protest a U.S.-Cuban agreement that could lead to their deportation as excludable aliens. One inmate was killed.

Tuesday night's release of senior corrections officer Abdul Saboor Rushdan, 36, followed an appeal by Leshaw and some inmate wives on a radio talk show popular among the prisoners. The Cubans were asked to free a hostage to bolster Leshaw's credibility and as a birthday present to Carla Dudeck, 29-year-old coordinator of Atlanta's coalition to support Cuban detainees.

The Cubans, who released four

hostages Sunday after a similar

appeal on the show on radio station WRFQ, shouted from a rooftop Tuesday night that only a fair agreement will win release of the others.

When Ms. Dudeck appeared

outside the prison, the detainees

serenaded her with a birthday

song in Spanish and then shouted

over public address system that

one hostage would be released

for her.

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Alligator meat is newest seafood

LONDON (R) — Forget cod and chips, the latest fad in the English cuisine is alligator meat. Classified as seafood, alligator meat from Louisiana is fast becoming the "in" delicacy in Britain's best restaurants. James Moran, whose company is the sole importer of the farm-raised alligator, said on Tuesday business is selling £1,500 (\$2,700) of the meat a week. "We began importing alligator four weeks ago and sales are going up all the time," Moran told Reuters. Alligator tastes like chicken or veal and is high in protein. "It has to be tenderised... but the end result is very tasty," Moran said.

Aquino not happy in politics — brother

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino is tougher than many people think but would get out of politics if she had her way, her brother has said. "The sooner she can get out of it, the better it should be," Representative Jose Cojuangco told reporters during a brief interview. He said Mrs. Aquino was "not really interested in politics" but got involved for the first time when her late husband, Benigno Aquino Jr., ran for mayor of the city of Concepcion in 1955. "She has always been tough," he said. "If we talk about toughness, I have to admit she's tougher than I am." Cojuangco said Mrs. Aquino's 21 months as president had not changed her personal relations with family and close friends. He said that in public, family members must follow protocol in dealings with the president "but outside of that, she does not like us to be treating her like a different person."

Picasso auction record broken

LONDON (AP) — An oval painting by Pablo Picasso called *Souvenir Of Le Havre* sold for £4.18 million (\$7,649,400) at auction, a record price for the work of the Spanish artist, auctioneers at Sotheby's said. London's Piccadilly Gallery bought the painting on behalf of Ernst Beyeler, a Swiss dealer. An unidentified European collector sold the work. A record price had been expected and the top pre-sale estimate was £4.5 million (\$8.2 million). The bidding started at £2 million (\$3.6 million). The previous Picasso auction record was \$5.83 million (then £2,789,473) in New York in 1981 for a self-portrait.

Actress wants to direct films

CAIRO (R) — Nastassja Kinski, one of the best-known screen faces of the 1980s, says she would like to move behind the cameras and start directing. "I hope to start directing a film which my husband will produce for me," Kinski told a news conference with her Egyptian-born husband Ibrahim Moussa beside her. "Moussa produced Federico Fellini's latest film, *Intervista* (interview). It was screened on Monday night at the start of the 11th Cairo International Film Festival due to feature more than 200 films from 50 countries. "My passion and admiration for Fellini has heightened my sense of wanting to direct," Kinski said. She did not reveal if she had a particular project in mind. She was among 300 film industry personalities who flew in for the 10-day festival. About 30 Egyptian actors and directors staged a silent demonstration at the opening. They wore makeshift tops with slogans criticising festival chairman Saad Al Din Wahba, president of Egypt's Cinema Federation, who they accuse of seeking to extend his power. The protesters held hands and walked in a circle in the lobby of a luxury hotel before withdrawing quietly as guests arrived.

Kampuchean rivals begin peace talks

FERE-EN-TARDOIS, France (R) — Kampuchean Prime Minister Hun Sen and Resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk began peace talks in a Renaissance chateau north of Paris on Wednesday.

The meeting was the first between a senior representative of the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government and Prince Sihanouk, exiled former head of state of Cambodia — now Kampuchea.

A statement issued by Prince Sihanouk said the talks, taking place under strict security at the chateau, now used as a hotel, would last five hours.

Aquino visits typhoon-ravaged areas

SORSOGON, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino urged residents of this storm-ravaged area Wednesday not to lose hope as they rebuild from the devastation of typhoon Nina, which left hundreds dead when it struck last week.

Red Cross and civil defence reports Wednesday put the official casualty toll nationwide at 571 dead, 630 injured and 133 missing after the storm swept across the country on Nov. 25 and 26.

But unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 600, and officials said it may take weeks to

compile the final figure.

Mrs. Aquino flew to Sorsogon, 370 kilometres south east of Manila, to view the devastation and bring food, medicine and clothing to the victims. She later returned to Manila.

Sorsogon is a major city in the six-province Bicol region, which bore the brunt of the storm.

Mr. Aquino told regional officials: "We see this as the first serious peace initiative in years and both Moscow and Vietnam appear to be

hacking it."

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typhoon-ravaged areas

alone. Officials said many of the victims died when giant waves whipped up by the storm battered impoverished coastal villages and towns.

"I have always said that government has limited resources, but whatever those resources are, you have my assurance that we will work fulltime here," Mrs. Aquino told regional officials.

President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has blamed the bombings on Afghan agents pressuring him to drop his support for rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. The Afghan government has dismissed the allegations.

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2 killed, 11 injured by bomb in Peshawar

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) — A car bomb killed a man and caused another to drop dead from shock in the north west Pakistani city of Peshawar on Wednesday, police said.

The blast, latest in a series which have taken more than 200 lives this year, injured 11 people, two of them seriously.

The bomb exploded in the car park of a customs and taxation court in the centre of Peshawar, a few hundred metres from the city's smartest hotel and a military headquarters.

Police said a court messenger was killed and another man who was nearby suffered a heart attack from shock and died immediately afterwards.

The injured included three exiles from neighbouring Afghanistan, one of them a woman.

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U.S. conducts nuclear test

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Scientists detonated a nuclear weapon deep beneath the Nevada test site, the first explosion since a strike by more than 3,000 workers ended last week at the nuclear proving grounds.

The test, classified as less than 20 kilotons, was detonated at 8:30 a.m. (1630 GMT) Tuesday some 600 feet (180 metres) beneath the surface of Yucca Flat, about 120 kilometres north west of Las Vegas, said Energy Department spokesman Jim Boyer.

The test was in the smaller

range of nuclear detonations at the site and caused little ground motion, said Mr. Boyer. The department classifies tests as either less than 20 kilotons or between 20 and 150 kilotons.

Mr. Boyer said the test, the first since Oct. 23, was conducted by Los Alamos National Laboratory and was weapons-related.

About 3,200 workers from 10 unions returned to work at the site last week after a 10-week walkout that U.S. officials admitted forced delays in several planned underground detonations.

The other Republican contenders, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Congressman Jack Kemp of New York, former Delaware Governor Pete Du Pont and former Television Evangelist Pat Robertson, all expressed their opposition.

Mr. Benigno, who earlier invoked the constitution in cancelling the expulsion, said after it had been reimposed: "Freedom of the press is not involved here."

"You can report what you like but to work against the Philippines by campaigning in your own country is another thing," he added.

U.S. candidates switch loyalties over INF pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential rivals clashed sharply Tuesday night over the soon-to-be-signed arms control treaty, while Democrats taunted their Republican rivals for failing to support the accord negotiated by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

The six Democratic contenders aimed their criticism at the Republicans in a two-hour series of separate but equal debates televised nationally, while the Republicans fired mainly at one another when the treaty was the topic.

"It is nothing short of appalling that five of the six Republican candidates refuse to support the new arms control agreement," said Sen. Albert Gore, an opposition Democrat from Tennessee, in the opening moments of the forum televised over the U.S. television network NBC.

Congressman Richard Gephardt, a Democrat from Missouri said: "Every Democrat here is for the INF (intermediate range nuclear forces) treaty. I hope they will ask them why only one of them is supporting their president."

There was no need to try to collect the king of diamonds as well. At trick four South should simply have started on his crossruff, and 10 tricks would have been in the bag. He could then have tried to score the king of diamonds for an overtrick.

Many four-card-major practitioners believe that, with a 4-4-4-1 distribution and a singleton club, the correct opening bid is one heart. South had no rebid after

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When planning a crossruff, it is essential that you cash your side-suit winners lest a defender manage to get discards in a key suit and later ruff away one of your tricks.

That, however, does not mean you have to cash more winners than are necessary.

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